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In re Patent Application of )  
Shawn Smith, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2785  
Application No.: 09/192,164 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: November 13, 1998 )  
For: IC TEST SOFTWARE SYSTEM )  
FOR MAPPING LOGICAL )  
FUNCTIONAL TEST DATA OF )  
LOGIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS )  
TO PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 24, please delete "the present assignee,".

Page 4, line 27, please replace "Focussed" with --Focused--.

Page 5, lines 2 and 3, please delete "the assignee".

Page 7, delete last sentence, "In some cases it may be necessary to modify the circuit simulation in order to obtain a suitable balance between the number of suspected fail vectors and the time required for circuit analysis."